

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING

DATE: 11/17/03

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AGENDA SECTION:

Organizational Business

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Mayor's Office

ITEM NO.

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ITEM DESCRIPTION: Appointment to the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau**PREPARED BY:**

Mayor Brede

I hereby submit for your approval the following appointment to the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau:

Richard Wright
1971 Century Valley LN NE

Mr. Wright will fill the expired term of Kathy Smith – general public representative. His term will expire December 2006.

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RICHARD WRIGHT

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Member of Wisconsin and Washington State Bar Associations

EXPERIENCE

Olmsted County Planning Commission, January 2003 to present.

Candidate for Minnesota State Senate, District 30 – March 2002 to November 5, 2002

The Cobalt Group, Inc., Seattle, Washington

Associate Corporate Counsel/Assistant Secretary - May 2000 to August 2001

Privacy; licensing; trademark; copyright; contract analysis, drafting, and negotiation; regulatory compliance; and other corporate matters such as international business, employment matters, and SEC filings.

Keller Rohrback, L.L.P., Seattle, Washington

Associate - January 1999 to May 2000

Insurance coverage, bad faith, and regulatory compliance, as well as physician employment contracts. Evaluated and analyzed insurance claims. Provided recommendations to in-house counsel and adjuster.

Murray, Dunham & Murray, Seattle, Washington

Associate - January 1997 to January 1999

Insurance litigation. Evaluated claims and medical files; researched, drafted, and argued motions; directed and performed discovery; and prepared cases for trial. Issues included auto, coverage, contract, land use, and commercial liability.

Madison City Attorney, Madison, Wisconsin

Legal Clerk - August 1995 to May 1996

Researched and drafted memoranda on health insurance, zoning, land use, transportation, employment, and construction issues.

ABC for Health, Madison, Wisconsin

Legal Clerk - July 1995 to May 1996

Researched and drafted memoranda on Medicare, Medicaid, TEFRA, ERISA, Federal and State regulations, and health insurance.

Justice Roland B. Day, Wisconsin Supreme Court, Madison, Wisconsin

Judicial Intern - Fall Semester 1994

Researched and drafted bench memorandum on complex insurance issue. Observed, analyzed, and discussed oral argument with Justice Day.

EDUCATION

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, JD 1996

St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, BA (Sociology) 1991

ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Rochester Track Club, Rochester Chamber of Commerce, American Corporate Counsel Association, and American Bar Association.

Pro Bono activities: pro bono award at Marquette for work to reinstate healthcare benefits denied to children, families, and seniors; Landlord-Tenant Dispute case (1996); Housing Justice Project, Seattle (1999-2000); the Fremont Legal Clinic, Seattle (2000 to August 2001).

Personal Information

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How long have you been a resident of Rochester? I grew up here. I left for a while for schooling (either my wife's) or mine and returned home two years ago.

City of Rochester does NOT employ my wife or me. We do not serve on any of the City's advisory boards. I am, however, on the County Planning Commission.

Experience and Education

Please see my attached c.v. I am a lawyer with five years experience. I am not currently working outside of the home, choosing instead to focus on my children. I graduated from St. Olaf with a B.A. in Sociology (1991) and from Marquette University Law School with a J.D. (1996).

I am a member of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Rochester Track Club. I am on the Olmsted County Planning Commission and involved with my church (St. Francis).

I am also a member of the ABA, the Washington and Wisconsin Bar Association, and the American Corporate Counsel Association.

Additional Information

Please indicate why you are interested in being appointed to an advisory board, and why you feel you are qualified to serve on advisory board(s) previously indicated?

I am interested in public service. It is what I want to do—help my community become stronger and better. I am in a unique situation where I can use my legal skills to benefit my home. My legal background is solid when it comes to regulatory analysis, contracts, and business practice. I have strong skills that I bring to the table and which will benefit RPU and the Zoning Board.

What do I believe I can contribute if appointed to an advisory board?

A legal mind. For better or worse, it is always good to have a lawyer on board, especially when the boards deal with heavily regulated areas like energy and zoning. In addition I

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have a good background of tackling any issue that comes up (as in-house counsel this was anything from employment to post earthquake issues), analyzing it, developing solid solutions (usually a few), presenting the solutions along with the pros and cons of each to my client, and, if requested, providing a recommendation with rationale on why it is the best course of action. It is what I am trained to do. In addition, I provide energy and a willingness to look ahead.

How do you believe you would benefit if appointed to a Board or Commission?

I will get to use my skills to improve our community. It is my wish and goal: to work at making life better for my neighbors.

Conflicts:

I am NOT available to serve on the first and third Thursday of each month after 7:00 PM due to being on the County Planning Commission.

How do you believe you would benefit if appointed to a Board or Commission?

I am **NOT** available for Board/Commission meetings on the following days / evenings (circle):

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Conflict of interest may arise by the participation in any activity, recommended action, or decision from which you receive or could potentially receive direct or indirect personal financial gain, or other personal interest. A conflict of interest may also occur if you hold a private or other public position in addition to your City advisory board which may interfere with your discharge of your City responsibilities. In accordance with these definitions, do you have any legal or equitable interest in any business, however organized, which in the course of your participation in a City advisory board, could give rise to a conflict of interest?

Yes ____ No X If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet of paper.

Do you own any real property located in Rochester, other than your residence, in which you have a legal or equitable interest which, in the course of your participation in a City advisory board, could give rise to a conflict of interest?

Yes ____ No X If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet of paper.

As a Board, Commission or Committee member, what issue(s) might cause conflict between civic responsibility and personal/professional interests?

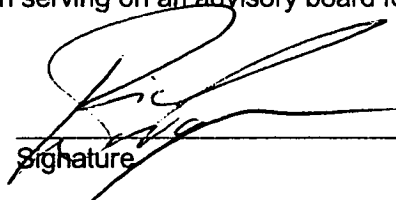
None that I am aware of

As required by City ordinance, if appointed to a City advisory board, you must complete a disclosure statement and file it with the City Clerk.

You may attach a resume if you desire. The selection process will vary according to the number of applicants and vacancies, and may not include interviews with all candidates.

Thank you for your interest in serving on an advisory board for the City of Rochester.

3/11/03
Date


Signature

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